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SUBJECT: VISIT TO MORROCCO OF UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

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1. SINCE AREA UNDER DISCUSSION IS FAR FROM EFFECTIVE MALIAN POLITICAL CONTROL OR COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY, THERE IS NO HARD INFORMATION HERE ABOUT THE REFUGEE MOVEMENTS. EMBASSY COMMENTS ARE SPECULATIVE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT REFUGEES ARE MALIAN NOMADS WHO WANDER UNDISTURBED ALONG TRADITIONAL PATHS IN NORTHERN MALI. WHILE THERE IS NO DROUGHT IN MALI, RAINFALL IN THE NORTH HAS BEEN LESS THAN USUAL THIS SEASON AND THE NOMADS MIGHT HAVE BEEN FORCED ON TO A BETTER WATERHOLE.

2. REFUGEES MIGHT ALSO BE PART OF A GENERAL NORTHWARD MIGRATION OF NOMADS OUT OF THE NIGER RIVER VALLEY DUR-
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ING THE POST-DROUGHT PERIOD. MALIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE

BEEN ACTIVELY DISCOURAGING NOMAD SETTLEMENT AROUND THE
NORTHERN TOWNS OF TIMBUKTU AND GAO WHERE NOMADS TEND
TO BECOME CHARGES OF THE STATE WHICH NO LONGER HAS RELIEF
FOODS TO GIVE AWAY.

3. PARENTHETICALLY, GHANIAN AMBASSADOR AND DEAN OF THE
CORPS HERE RECENTLY TOLD CHARGE CONFIDENTIALLY THAT
THERE IS UNREST IN THE TINDOUF AREA AS A RESULT OF
CONFLICTING TERRITORIAL CLAIMS OVER POTENTIAL OIL FIELDS.
WE HAVE NO WAY OF EVALUATING THE ACCURACY OF THE
AMBASSADOR'S INFORMATION.
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